

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to set the pay of the D.C. Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There is no reason the District should not have the authority to set the wage of a local official who is paid with local funds.

In 2013, Congress enacted a law that gave the District more authority to set the CFO's pay. However, Congress did not give D.C. full and complete authority over this local matter. This bill would give D.C. the authority to set the CFO's pay as it sees fit. The 2013 law amended the Home Rule Act to change the CFO's pay from a fixed rate of pay that was tied to a federal pay schedule to a maximum allowable pay, or ceiling, tied to a federal pay schedule. The ceiling was and is substantially higher than the fixed rate, but the CFO's pay is now \$1,000 below the maximum.

I introduced the 2013 bill after a D.C. CFO search committee indicated that the fixed rate of pay was not high enough to attract the best talent needed for this complex and demanding job. The responsibilities of the CFO, a position created by Congress, are unique in the United States. The CFO is extraordinarily powerful and independent. The District cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval, and the CFO can be terminated only "for cause." The District needs the authority to be able to pay the rate demanded by the market and necessary to retain and attract the best CFOs, especially since the District must compete with the private sector for highly qualified CFOs.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO SUSIE AND TOM
ENARSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Susie and Tom Enarson of Villisca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 29, 1958 at the Villisca United Methodist Church.

Susie and Tom's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOSEPH O.
QUINTANA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Joseph O. Quintana of the United States Navy, who is retiring this month after a distinguished 25 year career. Captain Quintana has spent the last quarter century serving our country in a variety of reserve and active duty leadership roles in the logistics, fuels, and transportation fields.

Captain Quintana received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Mexico in 1983. He went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Leadership from the University of Texas at El Paso. Captain Quintana earned his commission through the Navy's Direct Commissioning Officer Program in 1993 and completed the Basic Qualification Course at the Navy Supply Corps School in 1995.

From 2005 to 2006, Captain Quintana served in Kuwait and Iraq as Charlie Company Commander for Navy Customs Battalion Papa. In 2007, he served as Interim Fuels Officer at FLC Pearl Harbor, responding to a large fuel spill. From 2008 to 2011, Captain Quintana became the only Navy Officer ever assigned as Command Inspector General of Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He then served with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan from 2012 to 2013, where he was Officer-in-Charge of the In-Transit Visibility Cell. In this role, he was tasked with transporting over \$2 billion worth of vehicles and ammunition to locations throughout Afghanistan.

Captain Quintana's distinguished career has earned him a multitude of honors including the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Captain Joseph O. Quintana on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his career of distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HEALTH
CENTER WEEK TO CELEBRATE
THE LEGACY OF AMERICA'S
HEALTH CENTERS AND RECOG-
NIZE THEIR VITAL ROLE IN
SHAPING THE PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE OF AMERICA'S
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, Whereas for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our Nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's health care system;

Whereas as the country's largest primary care network, health centers are the health care home for 27,000,000 Americans in over 10,000 communities across the Nation, and 1 in every 12 people in the United States gets his or her care in a health center;

Whereas health centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities;

Whereas nationwide, health centers serve 1 in every 6 residents of rural areas; Whereas every day, health centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities;

Whereas health centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each health center are engaged in their own health care decisions;

Whereas health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$45,600,000,000 in economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities;

Whereas health centers nationally employ more than 200,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multidisciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient;

Whereas the health center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access, including geography, income, and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs;

Whereas health centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms;

Whereas health centers are on the frontlines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our Nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters;

Whereas National Health Center Week is an annual celebration that will be held from August 12, 2018, through August 18, 2018;

Whereas National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations with over 10,400 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago; and

Whereas during National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's health centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system.

Now Therefore that the House of Representatives recognizes the week of August 12-18th as National Health Center Week; and Encourages all Americans to take part in this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating the important partnership between America's health centers and the communities they serve.